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The Heroes of the Sixties.

A memorial sermon, delivered in the First Baptist Church of Chicago, before Abraham Lincoln Post, No. 97, Grand Army of the Republic, and The Woman's Relief Corps, by Rev. Austen K. de Blois.

Proverbs 8:21, "I lead in the way of righteousness."

Comrades and Noble Women:

In the name of that dauntless courage which led the soldiers of the '60's to dedicate their lives to freedom's cause and country's honor, in the name of that uncomplaining patience and quiet heroism which have given to American womanhood its fadeless lustre, I welcome you, sons and daughters of an exalted patriotism, to our service and worship today. By your presence you honor us; you honor especially the children of the younger generation, who enjoy the heritage of peace and power wrought by the men of the Great War. It is you who have borne the burden. It is you who have passed through the baptism of fire and of blood. We hear with grateful hearts the story of your labors and your sacrifices, and rejoice that some of you still tarry with us, to remind us of our duty to our nation and our God.

We come together, however, not to honor the living but to hallow the memory of the mighty dead. The Grand Army of the Republic lingering here on earth, with hymns of praise and garlands of sweet flowers, with muffled drums and throbbing hearts, holds sacred fellowship with the Grander Army, gathered in the courts of the New Jerusalem, in presence of the King of Kings, that one and only King to whom those men of freedom ever bowed the obedient knee.

A tyro looks upon a masterpiece of the painter's art. Standing close by and beneath it he notes only the coarseness of the coloring. He sees only daubs and patches of paint—the blue, the red, the white. He fails utterly to appreciate the heavenly harmony of the whole. He returns again and again to the gallery. Gradually his eye is trained, his aesthetic sense is developed. Now, disciplined by his study, he observes the picture from a little distance, and with the proper light and perspective. And behold! The coarseness is gone, the roughness has vanished. His larger vision views it in its entirety and he is spell-bound by its rare and wondrous beauty. It is indeed a masterpiece.

Those who are close to an event, who move in the midst of its scenes, cannot judge it rightly. The heroes of the '60's seemed to be painting a rude picture. The world shuddered. The colors were intense. There was the glaring red—that red was the life-blood of the patriot-soldiers. There was the blue, the true blue of loyal devotion. There was the white, the stainless white of pure and lofty ideals. Those who had the near view recoiled with pain and horor. We look at that picture from the view-point of two-score years. Oh, my brothers, how glorious it is! See, the red, the white, the blue, those daring, glaring colors, have mingled and melted into harmony. That painting is—a Masterpiece! The most wonderful in God's gallery of battle—paintings.

I. "I lead in the way of righteousness." **God prospers the cause of unselfish devotion.** On the fourteenth day of December, 1799, the children of the New Nation of the West bowed their heads in sorrow as they chanted the requiem of their departed

leader, the man of men in the history of American democracy. The life of George Washington had reached its close; his sun had set in splendor. Exactly ten days later, on the twenty-fourth of December, in a land across the seas, another man, who had just overthrown the Directory and dispersed the Council of Five Hundred, was elected First Consul of France, and entered upon his marvellous and meteoric career of conquest. The small space of ten days saw the glorious ending of the career of the first President of the American Republic, and the glorious commencement of the career of the First Consul, afterwards the Emperor, of France. And those two lives were the greatest, from the standpoint of the world's fame, in the eighteenth century.

That eventful decade of days we may connect with an eventful decade of years. Exactly ten years later, in an obscure settlement in Hardin County, Kentucky, there was born, of an ignorant and thriftles carpenter and his wife, a child who was destined to become the greatest son of the nineteenth century, whose fame would be as wide as the world, whom posterity would hail as the Second Founder of our nation and the saviour of his country.

Comrades of Abraham Lincoln Post, you bear indeed an honored name! You have looked into that rugged homely face; you have seen that gaunt yet giant form; you have heard the voice that pronounced the freedom of the race of slaves; you have felt the force of that fearless personality, which shall represent to generations yet unborn the very incarnation of the spirit of manhood, of patriotism, and of ideal Americanism.

God was with Abraham Lincoln and his co-laborers! The same God who spoke to Moses in the land of Midian, ordaining him to lead a nation forth from servitude; the same God who implanted an intense disgust of slavery in the hearts of the Christians of the first three centuries, and through them doomed the horrid custom in many parts of the later Roman Empire; the same God who aroused William Wilberforce and Zachary Macaulay and their confreres, giving to them a message and a mission—this same God of justice and of truth spoke to a gallant band of modern crusaders, commanding them to proclaim from the house-tops, ay, from the mountain-tops and along the pleasant valleys, the equality of all men under His law. And when the southern planters and slave-dealers laughed to scorn the words of warning, of entreaty, of expostulation, of command, He poured out the vials of His wrath upon them.

God prospered the cause of unselfish devocation; God led in the way of righteousness; and God honored the Great Emancipator in his death as in his life. Consider again Napoleon and Lincoln. Why did this Chieftain, the War President, die amid the regrets and lamentations of millions of white men in the North, and millions of black men in the South, while Napoleon died, shorn of his greatness, on a barren island, close-guarded, alone and lonely, unhonored and unsung? Why was it? Why this difference? The answer may be given in a word. Both were men of great brain, but one had a great soul! That is the answer. That was the difference. And that great-souled Lincoln was surrounded by thousands and tens of thousands of men with souls of sympathy, not fighting-machines but men with a purpose, and that purpose the enfranchisement of those who were bound.

Theirs was the knightly defence of a fallen people. Not alone to save or serve themselves but to help, to succor, to liberate others less favored than themselves, your comrades-in-arms, whose names are a proud memory today, braved the terrors of war and followed the beckoning flag of freedom into the thickest of the conflict.

In blood such as flowed from the open wounds of fallen patriots in the days when Winkelried and his comrades yielded their lives to save their homes, their cantons and their liberties; in tears such as fell from the eyes of the Huguenot women when their husbands, their sons, their brothers, were slain by a ruthless and unkingly king; in prayers such as rose on wings of faith from the hearts of the Christ-followers in the labyrinthine mazes of the Catacombs; in heroic deeds such as gave Salamis to the Greek, and Hastings to the Norman, and led Arthur Wellesley to meet and match and overmatch and conquer the Man of Destiny on the field of Waterloo: in such blood, such tears, such prayers, and such heroic deeds the strong men of the '60's, under the guidance of Almighty God, set firm and true forever the bulwarks of our liberty.

II. "I lead in the way of righteousness." **God teaches by great examples.** Our martyred President, William McKinley once said: "The unity of the Republic

is secure so long as we continue to honor the memory of the men who died by tens of thousands to preserve it. The dissolution of the Union is impossible so long as we continue to inculcate lessons of fraternity, unity and patriotism, and erect monuments to perpetuate those sentiments."

How illustrious is his own example! Three times our nation has been garbed in the sable robes of mourning. Three times the weapon of the assassin was aimed only too cleverly. Each of these three men was a son of the '60's—Lincoln the War President. Garfield the Union officer, McKinley the brave young soldier. Of these men Secretary Hay has said: "They were men of austere virtue, of tender heart, of eminent abilities which they had devoted with simple minds to the good of the Republic." By these righteous examples God leads and teaches us.

And no less He leads and teaches by the example of the many in the humbler places, who served so well their God and country in the hour of need. They risked the best they had that the United States might be accredited a nation amongst world-nations, and not a mere formless confederacy of states; and also that that nation might run its course without reproach, as the land of sovereign liberty, from the inland lakes to the southern seas.

It seems to me as though the men of the far past must have seen and wondered. Surely when the fathers fought on revolutionary battle-fields, and when their sons espoused a sacred cause in later days, both for the sake of freedom, both in truth's fair name, the warriors of old, from the morning-lands of history, must have looked down upon their struggles. The heroes of Syracuse and Arbela, of Chalons and Tours, of Poictiers and Bannockburn,, of Blenheim and Pultowa—did they not view the progress of the fray, and hail the conquerors, at Concord and Lexington, at Monmouth and Saratoga, at Vicksburg and Savannah, at Gettysburg and Chattanooga.

The urgent, serious question for the younger men, the men of our busy prosperous age is, "Are we worthy of our trust? Have we rightly learned the lesson of the past?" Elijah passes into the heavens, but his mantle falls upon Elisha. Moses dies "by the kiss of God," his life-work nobly done, but the pure-hearted, great-souled Joshua leads the hosts of Israel forward, into the land flowing with milk and honey. David's hands are stained with blood, so Solomon must build the stately temple on the heights. The graves of men of courage by the hundred thousand cry to the young men today, bidding them to be faithful to the hills and dales and home-steads, challenging them to be true to the principles and doctrines and ideals, for which their elders fought and sacrificed and died..

III. "I lead in the way of righteousness," **God honors human heroism.** Denounced, degraded, condemned, imprisoned, with death waiting beside him, weak in body, alone and helpless, the high-spirited and liberal-minded Condorcet, one of the makers of the French Revolution, with confusion, anarchy and blood-shed raging around his prison-walls, wrote his singularly lucid and inspiring "Sceteh of the Progress of the Human Mind." In the last chapter he says: "Our hopes as to the future of the human race may be summed up in these three points—the raising of all nations to a common level: the progress toward equality in each separate nation: and, lastly, the practical amelioration of the lot of man." The prophecy of the gifted Condorcet at the evening hour of the eighteenth century has been the history of civilization in the nineteenth. And no nation or people has played so important a part in the evolution of the principles which he enunciated as the United States of America.

God honored the heroism of that farsighted prophet by honoring the heroism of those men who set themselves to realize the principles he had expounded. It was not a light thing for the citizens of a prosperous country to lay down the work of their hands, to leave the homes and families they loved, and to march forth to peril, pain and death.

I was in the city of Rome on the first anniversary of the death of the much-beloved king Humbert. All Italy seemed to be there. The memorial procession marched for hours down the central avenue of the Imperial City. Men of all classes and ranks were there. The demonstration of loving affection was almost unparalleled. I shall not forget the crowning scene of that impressive funeral pageant. Far in the distance I heard the shout of triumph and of joy, contrasting strangely with the muffled drums, and the silent sorrow of the multitudes. Leaning out of my window I looked far up the avenue and discerned a glow of red. Eagerly I watched. The cheering seemed nearer. And the patch of red was

moving. Slowly on it came, till I saw it was a band of men, in uniforms of scarlet. On and on they came together, the shouting of the crowds and the marching of the men in red. Then I saw that the men were old and worn, wrinkled and far-spent with the weight of years. Some were limping, some were armless, but they were a sturdy company. Then I saw that the uniforms were gay not dignified. They were red blouses. These were the men in the red shirts. Ah, then the flash of knowledge came! The men of the red shirts! No wonder the people cheered! No wonder they went wild with pride and joy. The Garibaldi men! Free Italy! United Italy! Cavour, Mazzini, Garibaldi! And my own eyes were wet with tears. God bless this shattered remnant of the Garibaldi men!

As Italy remembers, so remember we! Those whom God has honored we will ever hail with joy and pride. God bless with His own holy benediction, the heroes of the sixties!

Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor

Elizabeth M. Pickett

A Word From Our President

With the coming of the summer season there always comes to some the thought of a vacation; but this is not so with those laboring in the Christian Endeavor section of God's vineyard.

Our work is a spiritual work and from such there should be no desire for freedom. I am sure that the activities displayed during the summer of 1904 disproves any accusation to that effect.

The work accomplished during the past twelve months has been most encouraging, and I believe all are better for what they have done. Those leading the different branches have accomplished their service in a most successful manner. Several large projects have been undertaken; the raising of our pledge for Raymond Chapel building fund, and the greater increase of membership in our society. These efforts have given new interest and zest to our labors.

The Friday evening devotional meetings, the center of all of our work, have been very helpful, and for the most part well attended.

The outlook upon our future is very promising, and we wish the officers who are soon to be elected the most abundant success. I would take this opportunity to thank those who have been associated with me in the work, for the loyal support I have received. Let our watchword be "Forward for Christ and the Church." Thinking of the large opportunities given us for work with young people we cannot do less than give our Lord our very best service.

Personal Worker's Band.

Personal work is usually more a matter of dynamics than methods in its primary forms at least. Methods, training and proficiency in the forms of religion are valuable aids in this work but are of little avail in themselves unless there is present the great animating purpose of all true Christian Endeavorers—the love of Jesus Christ in our hearts. There is, many times, an infinite puttering about details when the actuating power that will compel us to do in His name is almost entirely absent. This is not an attempt to belittle the value and power of methods or training in Christian work. There is greater need today of trained workers than ever before but these alone will not bring success.

We are beginning at least to realize that organization is not going to accomplish much unless there is the full and warm hearted consecration to personal individual effort on the part of those connected with that organization. It is many times easier to speak to people collectively than it is to single out a certain person and concentrate efforts in an attempt to reach that one heart and life. If, however, we have the great compelling power of all true Christian effort—love, we will not question or belittle, or differ on account of diffidence of personal interests, but will devote ourselves gladly to this work.

We need an infinite cordiality in our efforts to reach and win others—the warm-hearted interest of disinterested affection. People are accustomed to meeting dignified austere people out in the world, and

what they need when they meet Christian people is a warm cordiality that will overcome their reserve, and bring them in touch with the higher interests of life.

It is not a question of "ought" I to take up the work or "should" I speak to this person or that, but it is inevitable that we must do it, love will prompt us to, or our Christian lives will be stunted, and barren of results so far as the great evangelistic movement is concerned.

"He who learns and learns,
But acts not what he knows,
Is like one who plows and plows,
But never sows."

Of what avail is all our study and preparation if we do not put in practice what we learn? Love is the real altruism. It is the infinite storehouse of kindness, benevolence, cordiality and power. Couple with that thought a clause in our pledge: "I will strive!" Consecrated Endeavorers! Personal work! The World for Christ! Let these be our aims and purposes. Consistently to hold up our Master to all with whom we come in contact. Indoors, out of doors, everywhere! for did He not command us to go out into the highways and byways and compel them to come in? And we may be sure that some will hear of Him gladly.

Our Membership

Our roll now includes: Members, active 82; associate 3. 1905 total 85. In June 1904, 56.

Of the eighty-five, only eight are now on the absent list. Fifty-one are members of our church. In June, 1904, forty-one were church members. Four have joined within the last six months. The honorary membership at present includes twenty-five.

To the person obtaining the largest number of new members by July 1st, it has been decided to give a free trip to the national convention to be held in Baltimore on that date. This convention will be the formal close of the special Increase and Betterment campaign which the United societies have been waging so successfully during the past year, under the motto "larger and better."

In anticipation of this "recognition" convention, we may sum up our society's accomplishments. Last summer and fall, when the largest increases were made, the increase banner of our division was successively won three times, entitling our society to its ownership. At a rally in March, the attendance banner was handily captured for the first time in the history of the society. Our meetings have been remarkably well attended, usually by about thirty at the regular meetings and an average of thirty-seven at consecration meetings, during the last six months.

The general character of our membership is constantly changing, but no very important changes are to be noted. There is a larger number of young members than formerly, brought about in part by the abnormal influx of new members during the early part of the year. We had more visitors during the past two or three months than usual.

Distribution of Literature

The Good Literature Committee has taken literature to the Baptist, Michael Reese, Hahnamann, and the Woman's Hospitals. The Woman's Hospital seemed to be particularly glad to receive this literature as, of course, they cannot keep magazines and papers long for sanitary reasons.

Another line of work this committee is most willing to undertake is the sending of current literature by subscriptions to missionaries or pastors at frontier stations. "The Standard," a weekly publication can be secured for $2 a year; "The Christian Endeavor World," and "Sunday School Times" for $1 a year would add much richness to the barren life of many a missionary worker. "The Baptist Missionary Magazine" costs $1 a year, while fifty cents secures the "Baptist Home Mission Monthly" for the same length of time. The two publications of the Women's Societies, "Tidings" and "Helping Hand" are each twenty-five cents for a year, and are worth much more to a lonely missionary on some distant field. Though we may not realize the need of such help in our busy lives, there is many a hungry heart in uncongenial surroundings that would greatly value the gift of a subscription to any of those weekly and monthly publications. To foreign stations there would be an additional charge for postage.

Raymond Chapel Building Fund

Our treasurer reports nearly seven hundred dollars paid in on our Raymond Building Fund pledge. There are pledges amounting to over one hundred dollars still unpaid. Has yours been paid? Have you given as the Lord has prospered you? Remember we need still two hundred dollars to complete our share.

Social News

Friday evenings the Christian Endeavor Society welcomes everyone to its meetings, and desires to see many more of our young people coming with us to share these great privileges.

As these notes are in preparation a social evening is being planned, for Monday evening, May 29th, that promises to be an interesting and enjoyable evening on subjects of art.

Mark this on your calendar!!

Christian Endeavor boat-ride to Michigan City Saturday, July 22nd, 2:30 p. m. 75 cents. Buy your tickets now from any member of the society.

Among Ourselves

Friday evening, May 18th, the Nominating Committee was elected to select the officers and chairmen for the semi-annual election June 9th. On the same evening we were privileged to listen to Miss Harriet Davis, vice-president of the Chicago Student Volunteer Band, as she told us of that organization and its work among the college and university students of our country.

Our consecration service in May was deeply intersting to many of our society, and we hope was the starting point of new resolves, and more faithfulness to our Endeavor pledges. Some who do not usually speak for Christ in the meeting found that they could do so.

THE INTERMEDIATE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SOCIETY.

One Sunday night, early in October, 1904, at the invitation of Miss Elizabeth Pickett and Mr. Cassius J. Williamson, about fifteen or twenty young people assembled in the lecture room to form a new Intermediate C. E. Society. Sixteen were enrolled as charter members. On Wednesday, October 19, the constitution and by-laws were framed by the nominating committee, and officers were chosen, with Walter Leland, as president. On December 18, 1904, an election of officers for the ensuing year was held, Julius Lackner being made president, Jessie Burchett, vice-president, Helen Angus, secretary, and Hattie Todd, treasurer.

Our meetings have been very good and well attended, thanks to the untiring efforts of our superintendent, Mr. Williamson, and Miss Pickett, who have worked faithfully and taken a deep interest in the success of our society.

We have had an increase of seven members since its organization, five of whom entered on Easter Sunday.

The fourth meeting of every month is devoted to missionary topics and we have had two excellent programs. Dr. Montezuma gave an interesting talk on the Indians, and Miss Elizabeth Pickett one on the Chinese mission.

In February, our first social was held in the church parlors. Progressive games were played, and all declared it a decided success.

In March our society was invited to the Forty-first Street Presbyterian Church, where we had a delightful union meeting.

We have been very glad of late to welcome a number of visitors, some of whom are members of the Senior C. E. Society. They have probably noticed the large majority of the boys present at the meetings. We commend them for their faithful attendance and wish that more of the girls would follow their example in this respect.

We need more active members and feel sure that, if the parents of our young people would encourage the boys and girls to come, we would have a flourishing society that would be of help and interest to all.

Junior Work

There is a class of children in every community in every church and society that it seems very difficult to reach; to interest in anything of a spiritual nature. As a result these children are too often, unconsciously perhaps, neglected and there comes a break in the thread of religious training outside the home. We refer to the boys and girls who feel they have outgrown the infant juniors and who are not old enough to become members of the intermediate society.

The time intervening between the age of ten and fifteen years is truly the critical age of childhood, the most restless, indifferent, mischievious period of life. The age of imitation is past while the reasoning faculties are still in the embryonic state; truths, spiritual or moral are not apt to be attractive, concentration of mind seems almost impossible and reverence unthought of. It is only by the most watchful, careful, prayerful training that anything permanent in the shape of character can be established. To many it is the most uninteresting age. To the student lover of children the most interesting for it is the

seed sowing time when the lessons from God's word must be made practical in order to become attractive.

In view of these conditions two members of the Senior Society, Mr. Williamson and Miss Maud Robinson, conceived the idea of organizing a society comprised of children of this age.

In spite of the fact that the growth seems slow we believe there is a prospect of much good being accomplished. These workers should receive not only active support but sympathetic interest in the work for the hope of our churches lies in our junior societies. It is a glorious experience to feel that one has really touched the inner life of these children and lent even the minutest influence in shaping its future. Truly "the Divine heart is first mirrored in the human heart and the love and sympathy of another is often the open door through which streams the greater love of God." We are hoping and praying for results though we know we cannot measure the results of our efforts in this world, we leave that to the One who in his wondrous love and sympathy can judge our effort aright.

The following are the officers of this advanced Junior Society:

President—Irene Howison
Vice President—Porter Solto
Secretary—Frank Lyman
Treasurer—Mildred Warner

The members are divided into two divisions, the yellows and the whites, each division is headed by a captain and a spirited contest for new members is in progress. The defeated division to furnish a supper for the victors at the close of the stated period.

South Side Christian Endeavor Union

The annual rally and election of the South Division Christian Endeavor Union will be held June 8th, at the First Presbyterian Church, 21st street and Indiana avenue, Rev. J. A. Morrison, pastor of that church will speak on "The Holy Spirit in Evangelistic Work." We want every one of our members to attend this rally because we want to retain the attendance banner which we have had since the last rally, we want to bring the increase banner back for our permanent possession and we want to vote unanimously for our president who has been selected to lead the South Division for the next year.

On the evening of May 29th, the officers and superintendents of the union and the presidents of the various societies enjoyed a banquet at the Forty-first Street Presbyterian Church. After an address of welcome by Rev. Wm. C. Covert, short speeches were made by Mr. McConnell, Miss Gibson, Mr. Stewart and Miss Bailey upon different phases of the South Division work. Rev. Chas. Stelzle gave an excellent address on "Reaching the labor class."

Baltimore, 1905—Twenty-second International Christian Endeavor Convention

This is the first Christian Endeavor Convention held in the east since 1897, and the eastern people are most anxious to welcome a host of friends to Baltimore, the convention city. Between the 5th and 10th of July there will be 125 separate meetings held, not including the Sunday morning service. The principal sessions will be held in the Fifth Maryland Regiment Armory, seating over 16,000, while the overflow service will be held in Lyric Hall that will accommodate 4,000. Outdoor evangelistic services will be held every evening.

The Program

The list of names of the speakers of the convention is sufficient to assure us that the best thought, and most inspiring words will greet the delegates. The subjects announced for discussion are of universal interest, and timely. Christian Culture, Brotherhood, and Evangelism all find their place in this program. As usual the Quiet Hour, and Classes in the School of Methods occupy the early morning hours. Many believe these hours to be the most important of the convention for into these smaller gatherings the troublesome problems of the individual society are brought for discussion and suggestion.

Rates

Baltimore is a most beautiful and hospitable city to visit, and the modern arrangements for "stopovers" and "extensions" on the railroad tickets enable the excursionist to see many other places of interest in that historic locality with little added expense. The round trip from Chicago July 2, 3, and 4 to Baltimore with privilege of extension of time to August 31st will be $18.50. Further information may be had at Christian Endeavor Headquarters in the Y. M. C. A. building.

The department editor would like to take this opportunity of acknowledging her indebtedness to the contributors to these notes this month, especially to Mr. Arthur

for his presentation of the Personal work, and to Mrs. Agrell, who, though not a member with us, is so deeply interested in the Junor Work. Mr. Robert Leland contributed the report upon our Membership and to Miss Florence Raymond we owe the report from the Intermediate Society.

The State Sunday School Convention.

By Margaret Van Fleet.

It would have been a real inspiration to the work of our Sunday School if every member of the school, or at least every officer and teacher, could have been present at the state Sunday School convention which was held at Clinton on May 23 to 25. Clinton is a place of only 5,000 inhabitants, but she opened her homes and her churches for the entertainment of 1,100 Sunday School workers of Illinois, and right royally were they cared for, from beginning to end.

What is the use of attending conventions? Let the one who has never been to such a gathering ask, for surely the one who numbers among such a host of earnest workers gathered from all parts of the state can but feel the inspiration and practical help gained through conference with each other and prayer together to God for the great Sunday School movement. The thought of the convention seemed to be, a more definite work for God in the conversion of the children and young people and their public profession of Christ through the church; and from the six o'clock prayer meetings in the morning until the benediction in the evening, the same great earnestness in considering the ways to bring this about pervaded the assembly.

W. B. Jacobs, the great Sunday School leader of Illinois, in speaking upon "The Source of Wisdom," said that three expressions were sometimes confused by the teacher,—"understanding," "knowledge" and "wisdom," and strongly impressed the thought that it is not so much the natural gifts of the teacher as spiritual power which brings direct results in our work. Not attainments, but obtainment. Understanding is the capacity to acquire knowledge, knowledge is the thing acquired and wisdom is the skill in the use of knowledge. We have to dig to get knowledge, we must pray to know how to use it. Both knowledge and wisdom are essential to good teaching. The teacher training work was many times brought before the convention, and over 400 workers received diplomas, some for the complete course and some for a partial course. The four-year course of teacher training, as now planned, is as follows: 1905-6, "The Bible;" 1906-7, "The History of the Church;" 1907-8, "Child Study and Pedagogy;" 1908-9, "The Sunday School." Thousands of teachers are now taking this course, among whom, if all goes well, there will be a number of our own teachers during the coming fall and winter.

Dr. John Potts, the chairman of the International Committee; Mrs. Mary Foster Bryner, field worker for the International Sunday School Committee; J. H. Engle, the state Sunday School Secretary of Kansas; and E. O. Excell, that champion leader of convention song, were present all through the convention and added much to what would otherwise have been a good program. Because space forbids a full report of all the speakers, we add only a few extracts from Dr. Potts' last address to the convention. His subject was, "Twentieth Century Sunday School Ideals," and his words caused many a Sunday School worker to consider whether his or her school measured up to the high ideal which he set before the movement. 1st ideal: All pastors and Sunday School superintendents in sympathetic touch. The chief man in any church or school is the pastor. He is responsible before God for the entire work and he has no helper that can be compared to an intelligent Sunday School superintendent. The superintendent is the greatest officer in the church, next to the pastor himself.

2nd ideal: All teachers converted, called to teach and consecrated to the high and holy office of teaching. No unsaved or ed teacher can lead children to Christ. We have been familiar with the call to

the ministry but we have not heard a great deal about persons being called to the work of the Sunday School. How loose we have been in the selection of teachers. Any other organization would have been bankrupt long ago if they had been as careless in the selection of their workers as the Sunday School has been. God never calls a man to teach unless he has an aptitude to teach. And the teachers must be consecrated. Have you ever looked over a Sunday School and seen some teachers to whom there was no music like the superintendent's bell to stop teaching?

3rd ideal: All teachers trained to teach. Trained in what? Trained by who? Thank God for Sunday School experts. But we have no more right to expect Sunday School experts to do the work of teacher-training than pastors have a right to expect their members to do their work in the church. The pastor is the responsible man before God for the training of his Sunday School teachers. Parents should know something about those who teach their children and should do everything in their power on Monday and Tuesday and Wednesday and Thursday and Friday and Saturday to help the teachers for Sunday.

4th ideal: All money required by the school furnished by the church. Let the children give for missions and for the benevolent purposes of the church but the money for equipment should be furnished by the church.

5th ideal: All the Sunday School pupils attending church. If the children can attend only one service, let them attend the church service.

6th ideal: All Sunday School superintendents, officers and teachers and scholars abstainers and ready to work for the prohibition of the liquor traffic. The Sunday School should be the greatest temperance organization on the face of the earth.

7th ideal: All scholars for Christ and the church. Not only that lovely little girl, but that worst boy and that worst girl in your class. The Bible says "Whosoever." Let us have ALL the children for Christ and the church.

The Pastor's Message.

The restless and wandering spirit of the summer season is already beginning to make itself felt amongst us. Yet the prospects for earnest and devoted work during the days now just before us are most encouraging. There is a deep desire and determination on the part of many that our work shall not deteriorate or in any way disintegrate. The strength of the effort to conserve and extend the influence of the church in these summer months affects in a very direct way the character of the work which is done during the remainder of the year. Those of our number who intend to stay at home, and who will refuse to be idle, will be sure to reap reward from their labors. There is an atmosphere of hope and courage manifest amongst us. Let every noble exertion be put forth to make the history of our church this summer a real triumph.

In the Sunday School there is room for substitute teachers. I trust that the spirit of consecration to Jesus Christ may lead some of our people to offer their help here. The Christian Endeavorers need the support of all our members who believe in "open air evangelism," at their street meetings on Monday evening. Christ, the great open-air evangelist, asks us to aid him here. Many strangers pass through our city, and worship in our church, during July and August. What a great opportunity lies here for our eager and loyal workers. Seek out these strangers, we welcome them heartily, and make them feel at home amongst us. The prayer meetings of both Church and Endeavor Society sometimes languish in vacation time. May the burden of responsibility here also be willingly borne. What a joy it will be to all who are away to hear that the prayer services are "glorious."

As thus we come to look far and consider wisely we find no lack of spiritual task and privilege. I have a conviction that our next year's work as a church will be one of special divine power. Let us prepare our hearts for it. Our Heavenly Father stands ready to honor us by His presence,

to quicken us by His Spirit, to fill us with zeal for the salvation of men and women. Let us remember His promises and move forward in His way. Let our ambition be to live for Christ this summer, and to do just exactly what He wants us to do.

Next week the First Church will hear again the voice of its long-time Pastor and honored leader, Dr. Henson. In the twenty years of his residence and pastorate in Chicago Dr. Henson gathered to himself a host of friends who will all be rejoiced to greet him again, and listen to his words of eloquence and wisdom. The Men's League is indeed fortunate in being able to procure his services to lecture to us.

The ceremony of laying the corner-stone of the new Raymond Chapel was simple and impressive. I wish that you could all have been present. The day was beautiful, and a happy company gathered to celebrate the important event. With prayer and praise the foundation of our new house was laid. And not only in the brief public service but also in many homes and in many hearts that day earnest and ardent petitions were offered to the Giver of all good. Raymond Chapel has been "a child of Providence." God has great things in store for His faithful ones on that promising field. May many, many souls be born anew within the four walls of this new temple.

The pulpit committee is arranging with men whom you will delight to hear, during the Sundays of July and August. Amongst them is Dr. J. T. M. Johnstone of the Delmar Avenue Church, St. Louis, who delivered the address on "The Louisiana Purchase" at the National Anniversaries in Buffalo. May all the services of the summer be crowned with God's richest blessing.

Your Pastor,
Austen K. de Blois.

The Church at Work.

Sunday School.

Our attendance has not averaged quite as high in May as in April. We hope every teacher, officer and scholar will make a special effort to be present every Sunday, they are in the city, during the summer.

Our Pastor's remarks along this line on last Sunday were much appreciated by the officers and we trust they will be remembered by the teachers and scholars.

Primary Department.

Our boys graduating class is now in the hands of Bro. Messner and he will make it one of the finest classes in our school.

It is a difficult-place to fill, but we are confident of Mr. Messner's success. The boys should feel thankful for such an able and sympathetic leader.

One of our visitors this month was none other than Miss Tolman, whom we hope to see in her regular place in a few weeks.

The latest addition to our school is Miss Louise Hellis, who arrived at the home of Sec'y Hellis on May 18th. Our best wishes are extended to the little miss and her mother, who formerly did faithful service in our department as a teacher.

Some of our boys and girls say that the Intermediate Department will have to do some energetic "fishing" for new scholars, to take the attendance banner from our department.

We trust that Mrs. Hamlin will soon recover from her present illness. We cannot afford to be without her service as teacher. We soon miss the faithful.

Conditions, over which she had no control, compelled Miss Durham to give up her class, but the officers were most fortunate in finding a teacher ready to take her place. Miss Durham built up a fine class in a few weeks and we believe her successor, Mrs. Magoon, will continue the good work.

In General.

The Amateur Flower Gardeners.

Some years ago Dea. R. S. Parker organized in our school what he called "The Amateur Flower Gardeners, and on the 1st

Sunday in May of each year, since that time, he has addressed the children and presented them with flower seeds which they could plant and have a flower garden of their own.

Although Bro. Parker is getting quite feeble, the custom was adhered to this year, and our dear Bro. spoke a few words to the children. We trust he will be with us on many a first Sunday in May, and be able to talk to the boys and girls, but should he not, it is his earnest request that this day be observed every year. We think Dea. Parker can rest assured that this beautiful custom, inaugurated by him, will be perpetuated in our school, not only because it is a beautiful custom, but as a memorial to him, whose services we so much appreciate and for whom the entire school has a deep love and great respect.

Class Attendance Banner.

Class No. 7, Miss M. C. Covert, teacher, still holds the attendance banner, for Intermediate Department, having had the best record for April. It will require 100 per cent. for any other class to secure it. What class will be the one to take it for May?

Picnic.

Our picnic is to be held this year on Saturday, June 24th, at Jackson Park, near the 63rd St. entrance. Mr. David Guest, Dr. Frank Gale and Mr. Hellis are working on the plans for our amusement and comfor. The personell of this committee determines the success of the event beforehand.

Let us all plan to go and make the day one long to be remembered.

Summer Vacation.

Our summer vacations have begun earlier this year than usual and we can use substitute teachers every Sunday. Can you come in next Sunday and help us with a class?

Children's Day.

Sunday, June 11th, will be "Children's Day." A unique and most interesting program has been arranged, and we trust a large number of the members of the church and congregation will attend, and bring their friends. All will be well repaid for any effort made to come.

A Notable Social.

On the evening of May 8, a large company of teachers and adult scholars gathered in the church parlors for an evening of entertainment and conference about the work of the Sunday School. Supt. Whitmore lived up to his reputation for providing an interesting program. The conference held after the program was one of great profit. Plans were made for a great work this fall. The spirit of loyalty among our teachers is a guarantee of the continued prosperity of our school even during the summer.

THE WOMAN'S MISSION CIRCLE.

Mrs. S. B. Lingle.

The beautiful weather on May twelfth, brought out a good attendance to the Circle, over fifty being present. We rejoiced in the return of some long absent through ill health, as well as in the presence of new faces, which give hope and courage for the future.

Mrs. Bennett and Mrs. Solt completed the program of April, upon the Indians, by reading a paper upon Sunlight Mission and an article showing what the Baptists of the northwest owe to the Indians.

The program of the afternoon was upon Temperance work as related to the work of missions.

Miss Reed, late of West Virginia, told of conditions in the mining regions of that state, where the women and even children are not infrequently victims of the vice of drunkeness. And closed by showing how the gospel of Christ can transform a home from one of discord and misery to a haven of peace and comfort.

Mrs. Hopkins of India, spoke of the work of the W. C. T. U. in India, and showed that the Hindus sometimes represented as a temperate people, are in special need of this work. The essence of their worship is a drunken revel and the evils of intemperance is felt in every phase of life. The American Missionaries are very helpful in the temperance work. An effort is now on foot to build a home for the care of inebriates, to be called the Frances Willard Home.

The hopeful change of sentiment among the Eurasian population was shown by two weddings, occurring one year apart in the same household. At the first intoxicants were everywhere in evidence while at the last even the bride's health was drunk in water.

The closing meeting of the circle, for the season will be held on June ninth. We will entertain the senior class of the Training School and will hear from one of the

graduates. The study of Japan will be begun at this meeting, to be continued in the autumn.

This June meeting is always one of special interest and will close with a social tea.

On June thirteenth, (Tuesday) the Women's Mission Union meets with the church at Ravenswood, corner Sunnyside Ave. and Lyman St. At the last meeting of the Union with the Tabernacle Church, seventeen of the members of our Circle were in attendance and it is hoped a still larger number will be present at the June meeting which is always made an especially attractive one.

LADIES' BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

Mrs. W. Morava, Dept. Ed.

The Ladies' Benevolent Society, always well supplied with an abundance of life and energy, seemed to have gathered fresh enthusiasm during the spring months. Each of the meetings in May was a marked success. Notwithstanding the pressing domestic duties at this season of the year the attendance on May 19th was eighty-six. The solo rendered by Mrs. Hine was greatly appreciated. The large and constantly increasing number of strangers at our meetings is very encouraging and we are glad to know they do not long remain strangers.

The most important work at present is being done in connection with our Mission Circle, that is the raising of funds to educate a young lady in the Training School.

It has been said that "Life's best is always ahead," and while we are very much gratified by the present condition of the Benevolent Society; we hope that its best is still in the future and that our zealous workers will be ready for still greater effort in the fall.

Afternoon Tea.

Two very delightful afternoon teas have been given this month.,On May 19th, Mrs. S. C. Knight's generous hospitality was unlimited and a large number gladly accepted the invitation to this well known hospitable home.

On May 26th, Mrs. C. G. Lumley gave a very novel entertainment. Each guest was given a part in a musical program that was pronounced "A howling success."

Laughter and applause echoed through the parlors until approaching night and consideration for the genial hostess compelled the happy company to separate.

THE AMORET HENSON GUILD.

Blanche N. Harvey, Dept. Ed.

The meeting of the Guild, May 22, was worthy in every way of being the last for this year. In number, spirit and entertainment, it was typical of the growth of the past eight months and makes us hopeful for the advancement another season may bring.

The tea-hour was as usual a delightful one and the hearty, joyous laughter was refered to later by the speaker of the evening, Dr. Crosser, of the Kenwood Envangelical Church. Dr. Crosser delighted the girls at our February meeting with his comprehensive talk on Russia, and so we were doubly glad to have him our guest at the closing meeting for the year. Dr. Crosser spoke to us of Missions in Burma, on this occasion. He visited that country some years ago and spoke with all the enthusiasm of a traveller who can say "I know, for I have seen for myself." He told us also of India, where girls do not laugh and children do not play. After his talk, Dr. Crosser offered to answer any questions we might ask, and it is needless to say we made the most of this golden opportunity.

The Nominating Committee for next year was appointed at this meeting, and we can only hope the choice of officers will be as wise a one as the past year has proven the last to have been.

At the entertainment given by the Guild two weeks ago, money enough was cleared to more than make up the deficiency of our Raymond pledge. The "May Festival and Dramatics" repaid the kind friends of the Guild for the effort of coming as well as making the many faithful workers feel that their labor had not been in vain., We wish to thank not only those who so successfully took part, but the many who worked literally "behind the scenes."

The Guild Bible Class has been watching with great interest the growth of the Children of Israel as they wandered through the wilderness and when in the last lesson, they entered into the promised land, we felt that a fifth step had been taken in the great events in Jewish history since

Abram's Call. It has been a most profitable course of study which we are anxious to continue after the summer's vacation.

We are not going to discontinue the class during the summer, but will be glad to see any visitors through the summer months.

THE LORIMER CLASS.

Our class has had a large number of new members during the past month. The base ball candidates have been very faithful in their endeavor to keep the rules of the league requiring membership and regular attendance at Sunday School of members of all teams. Watch for the announcement of our schedule. Games will probably be scheduled for Saturday afternoons, through June, July and August. We expect a winning team.

A number of the Lorimer Class Boys members in our Int. C. E. Society participated in their benefit Cantata,. "Ruth and the Gleaners," rendered May 18th, by the So. Div. Intermediate Christian Endeavor Union. The Cantata was a thorough success.

Mr. Embree requests that the boys prepare their lessons for Sunday morning, a little more carefully, if they wish to get the most good out of their study of the Life of Christ.

PERSONALS AND OTHER NOTES.

Mrs. Wiggin left last week for Europe, to be gone several months.

Mrs. Blackman expects to leave soon for a two months trip in the East.

One of our Lorimer Class boys S. M. Richof, expects to leave this week for Alaska.

Mr. Temple Williams of Lake Forest University, spent the Sunday at his home church.

Mrs. T. M. Hoyne has returned from New York, where she attended the wedding of her niece.

Mrs. Gillett will go in a few days to Lake Forest, the latter part of the summer she will spend in Harbor Springs Mich.

Mr, and Mrs. Ahrens spent several days across the lake last week. Deacon Ahrens' class can hardly spare him for one Sunday.

Miss Van Fleet was our delegate at the State Sunday School Convention, held during the month at Clinton, Ill. Read her report in another column.

The funeral of one of our Chinese members, Mrs. Seid Ding, was held in our church parlors May 15. Dr. DeBlois made very appropriate remarks and the Chinese missionary, Rev. Chow Leang, spoke in his own language to the company of Chinese and American friends who gathered for this service. A quartette of young ladies sang two hymns. One, "Nearer My God to thee," was sung at her mother's funeral in China some years ago. A profusion of flowers sent by her many friends helped to make this service beautiful and impressive.

Mrs. Seid Ding was a member with us for several years, bringing a letter from Canton, China, where she was for years a teacher in the girls' school connected with the Baptist mission. Dr. Graves and other missionaries were sorry to lose her from their work when she came to this country with her husband about twelve years ago.

In her home on 55th Street, where she cared for her boy and little girl, she showed her refinement and sweet Christian character.

Her work in connection with the Chinese mission at 297 Clark Street was very helpful. She visited the women in their homes, teaching them the gospel in their own language, and brought into their isolated lives much of joy and comfort.

Our Church and Sunday School Picnic is held this year on June 24th, at Jackson Park, opposite 63rd St.

We are glad to present this month a regime of our Christian Endeavor work.

If you are going away for the summer be sure to give your address to Church Life.

An effort is being made to raise enough money to complete the new chapel while we are at it. We need about $1,500.00 for interior finishing.

Let those now give who never gave before. Let those who always give now give some more.

Speak to Mr. Embree or the Mission Committee if you wish to help.

Don't forget the Church expenses go on just the same while you are away.

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A CHRISTIAN'S VACATION.

"Six days shalt thou labour and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God, in it thou shalt not do any work."

God has provided one day of rest in every seven. The commandment does not read ten or eleven months shalt thou labor and for one, two or three months forsake the work of the Lord. Nor is there any natural law which demands a cessation of spiritual activity. God's law is the natural law.

The methods of Christian work should be changed to meet the changed conditions of the summer, but the work abandoned, never! The church or individual neglecting the opportunity for service during the summer is not true to the trust of the Master.

"They that wait on the Lord shall renew their strength." "Come unto me, all ye that are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest." Real rest is soul rest and physical rest is closely related to it and often depends upon it. The Christian is most rested and recreated who rests in the Lord.

The forces of evil run wild in the summer. Why should the First Church not make an extra effort to win men to Christ rather than do less than usual in the summer days.

We are going to do all we can by means of the open air meetings. Will you help?

THE NEW CHAPEL FUND

We are pleased to note that the month's statement shows an increase of nearly $300 over last month:

	Promised.	Paid.
Men's League	$2,500	$1,087.00
Woman's Benevolent Soc.	1,200	1,275.25
C. E. Society	1,000	675.71
Amoret Henson Guild	100	61.00
Lorimer Class	100	37.90
Indiviual Subscriptions		1,934.50
Sunday School		357.26
Fisher Mission Band		125.00

Subscriptions from the Mission

Individuals	$ 432.55
Mission C. E. Society	59.05
Mission Sunday School	39.20
	$6,084.42
From Equity in old property	1,560.00
	$7,644.42
Paid for lots	2,200.00
Balance available for building	$5,444.42

The strike has interferred to some extent with the progress of the work during the past two weeks but there is considerable work that can still be done without waiting for more material.

Mr. Tomlinson, our architect, deserves great credit for the energetic manner in which he has pushed the work, in spite of numerous obstacles.

The Men's League is arranging for a lecture by Dr. Henson for Tuesday, June 13th, and they hope to draw a large crowd on that evening. Mr. Barron, who suc-

ceeded in arranging the date with Dr. Henson, is taking charge of the details of the lecture and is using every effort to give it as wide publicity as possible among the Doctor's old friends. He hopes from this source to add a considerable sum to the League's pledge. In addition to this, other plans are under way which we hope will still further increase the amount.

RAYMOND NOTES.

Mr. and Mrs. Coyle are to be congratulated upon the arrival of a son.

Mrs. Johnson was not able to be out last Sunday, but we hope she will soon be with us.

The ladies are to be congratulated upon the success of the Rummage Sale. Over $50.00 were added to the treasury. In the fall another sale will be held, when a great deal more material will be on hand.

Miss Laura Mason has returned from an enjoyable vacation of two weeks, part of which was spent at LaGrange with her sister Mrs. Austermell.

Mr. Grant had the misfortune to fall and severely injure his leg a few days ago. We are glad to know he is recovering.

We were glad to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Hunt to our services recently. A change of employment makes it possible again for Mr. Hunt to attend regularly. They will be welcome additions to our force.

The boys of the Reeder Class are to give a basket picnic at Washington Park, Saturday, June 10. All are invited.

The Ladies' Aid held their last social before the summer, at the home of Mrs. Umrich, 3006 Loomis. A large number attended and heartily enjoyed the entertainment provided by the hostes. The loop the loop was a dashing success. A neat sum was added to the treasury of the Woman's Society.

We are sorry that the inability of the contractor to obtain certain materials is causing delay in the building of our new Chapel. Everyone is anxious to see the work go forward rapidly and we earnestly hope the present halt will be very short and not repeated.

The Journal of the Church.

H. F. Perkins, Church Clerk.

May 3, Wednesday. Church prayer and social service. Theme, "Christ's Law of Duty and Love."—Luke 17:1-10.

May 5, Friday. Meeting of the Ladies' Benevolent Society. Christian Endeavor prayer-meeting led by Mr. Williamson. Topic, "The Making of a Christian; his exercise."—Jas. 1:22-27.

May 6, Saturday. Meeting of the Boys' Club.

May 7, Sunday. Sermons by the Pastor. Morning theme, "The Stingy Man and his Generous Neighbor;" evening, "A Strange Story of Regeneration."

May 8, Monday. Social given by the Sunday School teachers for the adult classes.

May 9, Tuesday. Meeting of the Christian Endeavor executive committee at the home of Miss Gale.

May 10, Wednesday. Afternoon tea, at the home of Mrs. S. C. Knight. Meeting of the Young Ladies' Missionary Society, at the home of the Misses Googins.

Monthly church missionary meeting. Mr. Antoszewski spoke of the work among the Poles in Chicago.

May 12, Friday. Meeting of the Woman's Mission Circle. Subject, Temperance Work as Connected with Mission Work. Speakers, Mrs. Hopkins of India, and Miss Reed of West Virginia. Christian Endeavor prayer service, led by Mr. Arthur. Topic, "Spirit-filled Christians."—Acts 2:1-4, 41-47.

May 14, Sunday. In the morning the Pastor preached upon "Worry: The Sin That Spoils Nobility" and in the evening upon "The 'I Will' of the Soul."

May 16, Tuesday. An illustrated lecture on Japan given under the auspices of the Men's League, by Mr. Gettert.

May 17, Wednesday. Church prayer and social service.

May 18, Thursday. May Festival given by the Amoret Henson Guild. Annual meeting of the Illinois Sabbath Association.

May 19, Friday. Meeting of the Ladies' Benevolent Society. Christian Endeavor monthly missionary meeting addressed by Miss Davis of the Univ. of Ills. Medical School, on the Student Volunteer movement.

May 21, Sunday. Sermons by the pastor. Morning theme, "The Helpful or the Critisal Habit;" evening, "The Welcome to the King."

May 22, Monday. Meeting of the Amoret Henson Guild. Dr. Crosser spoke on mission work in Burmah.

May 24, Wednesday. Church prayer and social service. Theme, "The Preciousness of Christ." 1 Pet. 2:7.

May 26, Friday. Afternoon tea at the home of Mrs. Lumley for the benefit of the Ladies' Benevolent Society. Christian Endeavor Consecration service. A leaderless meeting. Topic: "Growing Up for God." Eph. 4:11-16.

May 27, Saturday. Meeting of the Christian Endeavor nominating committee.

May 28, Sunday. In the morning the pastor preached upon "The Slothful Servant and the Willing Worker," and in the evening upon "The Freedom of Life."

May 29, Monday. Art social given by the Christian Endeavor Society.

May 31, Wednesday. Church Covenant meeting. Theme, "I believe in the Communion of Saints." Luke 24:15.

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